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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	03/17/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tonya Coats, Professional Member, Secretary, Presiding
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
William Doolittle, Public Member
Heather Smith, Professional Member
Kirsten Wolfington, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, President
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Brian Whitaker, Public Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Caroline Gigon

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coats called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes –December 9, 2014

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doolittle, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from Telepractice Committee

This item was tabled until the February 17, 2015 meeting, as the Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

James Holman Sharon Kreps Meghan O'Grady Vanessa Stevenson Melissa Skocypec
Caitlin Davis

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Dana Adovini Philip Doucette

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Licensure Extension Requests

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to ratify the licensure extension requests for the following temporary speech pathologists. Motion unanimously carried.

Jasmine Desai Katie Majarian Christine Williams

Ratification of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Licensure Extension Request

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to ratify the licensure extension request for the following hearing aid dispenser. Motion unanimously carried.

Betty Ruhe

Ratification of Audiologist Application

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to ratify the following audiologist application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Ashley Foots

Review of Audiologist Application (Full Board Review Required)

The Board reviewed the audiologist application submitted by Joanne Greene. Ms. Wolfington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the application contingent upon verification of her current ASHA certification. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Mr. Doolittle made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to approve, deny, or table the following continuing educational activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Christine Cook **Approved**
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: Oral Care and Hygiene: What SLP's Need to Know
Contact Hours: 0.5 CS

Election of Officers

Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Coats, to nominate Ms. Smith as Secretary. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Smith accepted the nomination.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to nominate Ms. Coats as President. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Coats accepted the nomination

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure

The Board reviewed the request for an extension of temporary licensure for Caroline Gigon. Ms. Gigon addressed the Board, detailing her reasoning behind the request. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to grant a 90 day extension. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Feedback Communication on Proposed Legislation – Director's Office

Ms. MacAfee addressed the Board and advised the members, that their proposed legislation pertaining to hearing aid dispensers, as well as the Board's reasoning for the bill, was sent to the office of the Secretary of State. The Division has received feedback from the office of the Secretary of State. Currently, the office of the Secretary of State is opposing the bill, as the educational programs for hearing aid dispensers are not readily available within the State. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin voiced her disappointment regarding the opposition. Ms. Coats supported Dr. Connolly-Gaskin's disappointment, as it appears that proposals are being opposed, due to the Board wanting higher education.

Mr. Doolittle stated that the issue at hand is a consumer protection issue for the public, as the complexity and training for the hearing aid can be an extensive process. He believes that the proposed bill will create quality employment positions within the State.

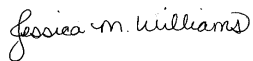
Ms. MacAfee advised the Board that if they have any additional data regarding the surrounding states, that she will resubmit the bill to the office of the Secretary of State for reconsideration.

Ms. Kelly advised Ms. MacAfee that the proposed bill also changes the scope of practice for hearing aid dispensers, making it more defined.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II